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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

ADDRESS TO: Commissioner for Patents Box Washington, D.C. 20231	Attorney Docket No.: 98,162 Application No.: 09/022,834 USPTO Confirmation No.: Filing Date: February 13, 1998 First Named Inventor: DeGendt, et al. Group Art Unit: 1765 Examiner: Ahmed
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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application to and including 08/27/01.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

<input type="checkbox"/> One Month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Two Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$930.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Four Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Five Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$.
 A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 13-2490. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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